

IN THE CLAIMS

1-43 (Cancelled).

44 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having a longitudinal axis, a lateral axis, an inner surface, an outer surface and a
5 minimum width; said chassis being stretchable at least laterally; and

an absorbent body having an inner surface, an outer surface and a maximum width that is less than the minimum width of the chassis, said absorbent body being affixed along at
10 least a portion of its outer surface to the inner surface of said chassis whereby the inner surface of the absorbent body lies against a wearer of the article during use, said chassis being stretchable about the wearer independent of the absorbent body.

45 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 44 wherein said article is a diaper.

46 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 44 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to the stretchable multilayer chassis in at least one of a lateral attachment pattern and a longitudinal attachment
5 pattern.

47 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 46 wherein the outer surface of the absorbent body has a surface area, and wherein about 25% to

about 95% of said surface area is affixed to the inner surface
5 of the stretchable multilayer chassis.

48-49 (Cancelled).

50 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 44 wherein the stretchable multilayer chassis comprises a chassis liner and an outer cover, said chassis liner defining the inner surface of said 5 chassis and said outer cover defining the outer surface of said chassis.

51 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50, wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each extensible.

52 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each elastic.

53 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is extensible and the outer cover is elastic.

54 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner is elastic and the outer cover is extensible.

55 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

56 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises

an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

57 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

58 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

59 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

60 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises at least one of the following: a microporous polymer film, a nonwoven fabric, a spunbonded laminate, a meltblown laminate, a
5 spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and a stretch-bonded laminate.

61 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 50 wherein the outer cover comprises a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable polymer.

62 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 61 wherein the stretchable polymer is selected from the following: polyolefins, polyethylene,

heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and multi-block
5 elastomeric copolymers.

63 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 44 wherein the absorbent body comprises at least an absorbent core.

64 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent body further comprises at least one of a tissue wrapsheet and an absorbent body liner.

65 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 63 wherein the absorbent core comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent material.

66 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis, said article comprising:

a stretchable multilayer chassis having an inner
5 surface and an outer surface, said chassis comprising:

[[a]] an elastic chassis liner defining the inner surface of the chassis and being stretchable at least laterally; and

an elastic outer cover secured to the chassis liner and defining the outer surface of the chassis, said outer cover
10 being stretchable at least laterally;

an absorbent body comprising:

an absorbent core;

a tissue wrapsheet wrapped about the absorbent core; and
a surge management layer; and

15 an absorbent body liner secured at least in part to the chassis liner, said absorbent body being disposed between the

absorbent body liner and the chassis liner with the surge management layer disposed between the tissue wrapsheet and the absorbent body liner.

67 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body is affixed to the stretchable multilayer chassis in at least one of a lateral attachment pattern and a longitudinal attachment
5 pattern.

68 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body has an outer surface, the absorbent body being affixed along at least a portion of its outer surface to the chassis liner.

69 (Currently amended). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 68 wherein the outer surface of the absorbent body has a surface area, and wherein about 25% to about 95% of said surface area is affixed to the chassis liner.

70-71 (Cancelled).

72 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66, wherein the chassis liner and the outer cover are each extensible.

73 (Cancelled).

74 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner is extensible and the outer cover is elastic.

75 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner is elastic and the outer cover is extensible.

76 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the chassis liner comprises a neck-stretched, spunbond web.

77 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 25% to about 125%.

78 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 100% to about 200%.

79 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises an elastic material that is stretchable both laterally and longitudinally by about 150% to about 250%.

80 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises polypropylene spunbond material laminated with styrene-isoprene-styrene-based adhesive.

81 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises at least one of the following: a microporous polymer film, a nonwoven fabric, a spunbonded laminate, a meltblown laminate, a

5 spunbond-meltblown-spunbond laminate, and a stretch-bonded
laminate.

82 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent
article set forth in claim 66 wherein the outer cover comprises
a thermoplastic nonwoven web made from a stretchable polymer.

83 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent
article set forth in claim 82 wherein the stretchable polymer
is selected from the following: polyolefins, polyethylene,
heterophasic polymers, olefin polymers and multi-block
5 elastomeric copolymers.

84 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent
article set forth in claim 66 wherein the absorbent body
comprises at least one of a non-stretch material and a low
stretch material.

85 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent
article set forth in claim 66, wherein the absorbent core
comprises a matrix of hydrophilic fibers and superabsorbent
fibers.

86 (Currently amended). A disposable absorbent article
comprising:

a stretchable chassis having an inner surface and an outer
surface; and

5 an absorbent body having an outer surface and an inner
surface adapted for contiguous relationship with a wearer of
the article, the absorbent body being affixed along at least a
portion of its outer surface to the stretchable chassis, the
absorbent body and the stretchable chassis being configured and
10 arranged relative to each other for contiguous relationship of

at least a portion of the inner surface of the stretchable chassis with the wearer of the article, the outer surface of the absorbent body has a surface area wherein about 25% to about 95% of said surface area is affixed to the inner surface of the stretchable chassis.

15 87 (Previously presented). The disposable absorbent article set forth in claim 86 wherein the absorbent body comprises an absorbent core and an absorbent body liner covering at least a portion of the absorbent core for 5 contiguous relationship with the wearer of the article.